

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Route U.S. 206
Byram Township, Sussex County
Public Information Center / Public Meeting
May 10, 2005
Byram Lakes School
11 Mansfield Drive, Byram

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) invites you to attend a Public Information Center/Public Meeting for the Route U.S. 206 improvement project in Byram. NJDOT is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and costs.

The Meeting

The purpose of this Public Information Center/Public Meeting is to inform local officials, residents and the business community of the NJDOT's proposed plan for improvements to the portion of Route U.S. 206 from Acorn Street to just past Byram Plaza. **The Public Information Center will begin at 6:00 p.m. and run concurrently with the Public Meeting. The Public Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.**

The Proposed Project

Since 1993 the NJDOT has worked with Byram Township and Sussex County officials to explore options that would improve travel along Route U.S. 206 from Acorn Street to the start of the Cat Swamp Mountain climbing lane. During the previous phases of the project, several design alternatives were developed and presented to the Township of Byram representatives for consideration. The currently proposed improvements are a result of numerous meetings with the Byram and Sussex County representatives and other stakeholders of the project.

The improvements can be summarized as follows:

- The project proposes to construct a two-way, center-turn lane to provide improved access to businesses and an additional through lane in each direction from Acorn Street to Waterloo/Brookwood Road. The proposed widening will also allow for an additional future through lane from Waterloo/Brookwood Road to Lackawanna Drive.
- The posted speed will be reduced to 35 miles per hour
- Intersection Improvements will be provided at both Waterloo/Brookwood Road and Lackawanna Drive signalized intersections and Lackawanna Drive will be realigned to improve safety
- Route U.S. 206 will be improved at High Glen Drive to improve safety conditions

- A turn lane will be provided to allow left turns from Byram Plaza's northerly driveway to Route U.S. 206 southbound

In addition, the project also includes the construction of Context Sensitive Design (CSD) elements including:

- bicycle / pedestrian trail connection at Lubbers Run
- reduced lane widths and shoulder widths
- colored and textured center turn lane
- landscape screening of NJDOT Maintenance facility located at Route 206 southbound just south of High Glen Drive
- wet-pond "corporate style" stormwater management basin at Lackawanna Drive to enhance future Byram Village Center
- gateway treatments at northern and southern project limits
- sidewalks along U.S. Route 206 northbound from Acorn Street to Lubbers Run and from Lackawanna Drive to Byram Plaza's northerly driveway. Also, sidewalks along U.S. Route 206 southbound from High Glen Drive to Acorn Street

Tentative Schedule

The construction will begin in January 2007 and be completed by August 2009. The cost of construction for this project is estimated to be \$18.5 million.

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